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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, DR
SUBJ: CASE AGAINST PRD LEADER PENA GOMEZ BEING WITHDRAWN

REF: STATE 47695

1. THE CASE AGAINST PENA GOMEZ WAS FOMALLY WITHDRAWN AT A COURT HEARING TODAY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S REQUEST TO THE ARMED FORCES TO REQUEST SUCH ACTION IN A LETTER SENT LAST NIGHT TO ARMED FORCES SECRETARY BEAUCHAMP. STATING THAT THE PRD SEC GEN'S ALLEGATIONS OF ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATION IN A CRIMINAL ACT WERE BASED ON REPORTS NOT WORTHY OF CREDENCE, THE PRESIDENT APPEALED TO THE HIGH CIVIC SPIRIT OF THE ARMED FORCES AND ASKED THEM TO MAKE THIS FURTHER VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLIMATE OF HARMONY.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION FOLLOWED HIS RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM PRD PRESIDENT MAJLUTA APOLOGIZING FOR PENA'S CONDUCT. MAJLUTA ADMITTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENTS, IN THE FORM THEY TOOK, WERE INCONGRUOUS AND IMPROPER ("INCONDUCTENTE" AND "INCONVENIENTE") BECAUSE THE ARMED FORCES HAD SHOWED THEMSELVES WORTHY OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. REITERATING THAT HE DEPLORED THE FORM OF THE STATEMENTS, MAJLUTA ASKED THAT, IN ORDER TO AVOID PERTURBATION OF THE SOCIAL CLIMATE, THE CASE BE WITHDRAWN.

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3. COMMENT: THE PRESENT FORMULA, WHICH INCLUDES WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY'S SUIT AND LIFTING OF THE TRAVEL RESTRICTION AGAINST PENA, WAS WORKED OUT IN INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PRD AND THE GOVERNMENT. DESPITE THE SERIOUSNESS OF PENA'S GAFFE IN GOING TO THE PRESS WITH UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS IMPLYING OFFICIAL MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN A MURDER AND THE EXASPERATION IT PROVOKED AMONG THE ARMED FORCES, PENA'S SAFETY WAS NEVER IN QUESTION. IN

FACT, PENA HAS BEEN SEEN CARRYING OUT NORMAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. THE CONDUCT OF THOSE PURSUING THIS CASE WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH LEGAL STANDARDS. AN EDITORIAL TODAY IN THE PRESTIGIOUS LISTIN DIARIO LAUDS THE CIVILIZED HANDLING OF THIS AFFAIR. PENA HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY AWARE OF EMBASSY'S

INTEREST IN HIS CASE THROUGH FREQUENT CONTACTS OF EMB OFFICERS WITH PRD PRESIDENT MAJLUTA AND OTHER CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF PENA.
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